

# U.S. Perfin Notes by Chuck Spaulding

Is it John- or Johns-Manville Company? The current catalog lists the user of patterns J96-1 to J96-10, J96.5-1 to J96.5-4, J98, and J99 as John-Manville Company, and J97, J108.6, J109, and J109.5 as Johns-Manville Company. Covers have been located for most of these patterns and all of them carry the Johns-Manville company name. Unless someone has a cover to suggest otherwise, it must be assumed that the John-Manville in the catalog is a typographical error.

**Frank L. Young & Kimball.** Pattern Y9 (Y&K) has no user listed in the current catlog, but a cover strip (right) has been located which identifies the user as Frank L. Young & Kimball of Boston. The firm was in the oil business.

**What does SE/MVA stand for?** The current catalog only lists the city of origin for pattern S109 (SE/MVA) as Louisville, KY. The cover strip (right) shows the pattern used with the corner card of F. L. Speiden, Agent, Louisville Freight Tariff Bureau. That would indicate that SE/MVA is a railroad pattern, but which one? Can any of our railroad perfin buffs help?

**Goetz Beer?** This 1909 cover (right) with perfin G41 (GBC) perforated into a 1903 2¢ red (Scott 319) shows postmark and corner card of St. Joseph, MO, but no firm name. However, the cover contained a credit memorandum headed M. K. Goetz Brewing Co. and that seems to be a perfect match for the GBC of the perfin. The pattern is unidentified in the current U.S. catalog.

**Here is another one for the railroaders.** The current U.S. Catalog shows the user of L146 (LS/&/MS) as the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, which is a perfect match for the pattern. So what is it doing on a post card (top right) with what appears to be a freight schedule for the Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad, Kankakee Division (Formerly I.I.&I.)? There's no reference to this railroad in the current Railroad Perfin Catalog. Is this a courtesy use of a perfin or were the two railroads connected to one another? Maybe some of the railroad buffs can help on this one also.

The following car passed Kankakee, Ill. via Chicago, Indiana & Southern Railroad

Train No. 15497 723 1914

Car No. 107761

Contents 3 red

Received from C.B.P.

Delivered to me

Consignee SIO

POST CARD

The space below is for address only.

RECEIVED FEB 23 1914

DAILY FAST FREIGHT SERVICE  
EAST AND WEST  
CHICAGO, INDIANA & SOUTHERN R. R.  
KANKAKEE DIVISION  
(Formerly I. I. & I.)

WESTWARD	Distance	A. M. in Light Face Type P. M. in Dark Face Type	EASTWARD	Distance
READ DOWN	91 93 95		READ UP	90 92 94

FRANK L. YOUNG & KIMBALL,  
—OIL—  
111 PURCHASE STREET,  
BOSTON, MASS.

POSTAL STATION 1

F. L. SPEIDEN, AGENT  
LOUISVILLE FREIGHT TARIFF BUREAU  
MARTIN BROWN BUILDING  
FOURTH AVE. AT BROADWAY  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

LOUISVILLE KY 3 530 PM 1923

Return in 10 Days to  
BOX 803  
ST. JOSEPH, MO.

ST. JOSEPH, MO. FEB 4 2-PM 1909

Mr Geo W Blackwell  
Savannah  
Mo

**M. K. Goetz Brewing Co.**

St Joseph, Mo.,

Chuck Spaulding (#2355) is currently assisting in the production of the new U.S. Perfin Catalog and will soon begin work on a catalog of Revenue Perfin.